

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

INTRODUCED BY J. O'HARA

BY REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING EXEMPTIONS FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SPECIAL DISTRICT IN ELECTIONS; EXEMPTING CERTAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEES FROM CAMPAIGN PRACTICES REQUIREMENTS; LIMITING THE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTAIN CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES MAY ACCEPT IN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-37-206, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 13-37-206, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-37-206. Exception for certain school districts and certain special districts. (1) The provisions of this part, except 13-37-216 and 13-37-217, do not apply to ~~candidates~~ a candidate for the office of trustee of a school district, ~~their~~ the candidate's political ~~campaigns~~ campaign, and ~~or a political committees~~ committee organized to support or oppose a school district issue or a candidate when the school district is:

- (a) a first-class district located in a county having a population of less than 15,000;
- (b) a second- or third-class district; or
- (c) a county high school district having a student enrollment of less than 2,000.

(2) The provisions of this part, except 13-37-216 and 13-37-217, do not apply to ~~candidates~~ a candidate, ~~their~~ the candidate's political ~~campaigns~~ campaign, and ~~or a political committees~~ committee organized to support or oppose an issue or a candidate if the candidate is running for or the committee's issue involves a unit of local government authorized by law to perform a single function or a limited number of functions, including but not limited to a conservation district, a weed management district, a fire district, a community college district, a hospital district, an irrigation district, a sewer district, a transportation district, a water district, or any district or other entity formed by interlocal agreement."

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